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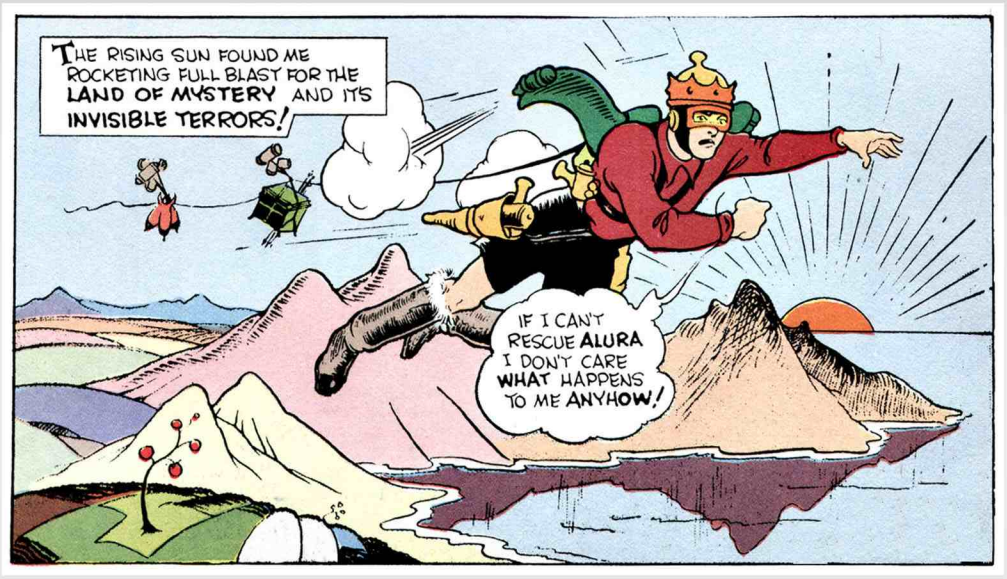
THE RISING SUN FOUND ME ROCKETING FULL BLAST FOR THE LAND OF MYSTERY AND ITS INVISIBLE TERRORS!
IF I CAN'T RESCUE ALURA I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME ANYHOW!

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THE PRINCESS ALURA OF MARS AND I, BUDDY DEERING OF EARTH, HAD HAD MANY AMAZING ADVENTURES TOGETHER VISITING STRANGE PLANETS IN OUR SPACE SHIP – BUT NONE MORE ASTOUNDING THAN OUR EXPERIENCES ON THE PLANET VENUS, OF WHICH WE HAD BEEN MADE SUPREME MONARCHS — FINALLY, AFTER SUPPRESSING A GREAT REBELLION, WE THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE A BREATHING SPELL – BUT NO! – A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED ATTACK WAS MADE ON OUR BORDER GUARD FROM THE "LAND OF MYSTERY".

THE DOOR TO INVISIBILITY

MACHINES REMINDING ME MUCH OF THE WAR TANKS OF EARTH HAD COME LUMBERING UP A RAVINE – SHOOTING AS THEY CAME!

KING BUDDY SAYS THEY USED TO USE GUNS LIKE THAT ON EARTH!

BEFORE ROCKET GUNS WERE INVENTED? LOOK OUT! – THEY'RE GETTING OUR RANGE!

WHO CAN THIS NEW ENEMY FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY BE?

NONE OF OUR PEOPLE KNOW – BUT THEY SAY STRANGE INVISIBLE TERRORS EXIST IN THAT COUNTRY!

WE ROCKETED FOR THE BORDER AT ONCE, WITH A LARGE FORCE.

AS SOON AS WE SIGHTED THE ENEMY —

BRING UP THAT FLOATING DISINTEGRATOR!

AND BLAST THE GROUND AWAY FROM AROUND THOSE MACHINES!

OUR FOES WERE ALARMED AT OUR STRENGTH.

I THOUGHT WE WERE THE ONLY SCIENTIFIC NATION ON THIS PLANET! – WHO ARE THEY!

NEVER MIND WHO THEY ARE! – START THE GENERATORS! THEY'VE GOT A DISINTEGRATOR UP THERE OR MY NAME ISN'T ESKIBALLO!

Then a strange thing happened

ONE MOMENT THE ENEMY TANKS WERE THERE —

WE'LL DIG A DITCH RIGHT AROUND THEM WITH THE DISINTEGRATOR!

AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT!

THEN IN AN INSTANT!!!

WHY WHAT THE –!

THEY'VE VANISHED!!

SCARCE BELIEVING OUR EYES, WE CIRCLED AROUND FOR A WHILE — THEN DESCENDED.

NO! – THEY JUST VANISHED!!

WHAT COULD HAVE BECOME OF THEM? – WE DIDN'T DISINTEGRATE THEM!

SUDDENLY A DOOR APPEARED – OUT OF NOTHING!!!

HUH? – WHAT?

LOOK OUT ALURA!!

AND BEFORE ANY OF US COULD MOVE —

THEY'RE KIDNAPPING ALURA INTO NOTHINGNESS!

HELP BUDDY! – HELP!

I LEAPED TO RESCUE HER! – THE DOOR VANISHED! – I CRASHED AGAINST SOMETHING HARD BUT INVISIBLE!!

DICK CALKINS

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ALURA HAD VANISHED!- BEFORE MY VERY EYES SHE HAD BEEN WHISKED INTO AN INVISIBLE WAR TANK OF OUR UNKNOWN ENEMY AS WE MUSTERED OUR FORCES TO OPPOSE AN INVASION FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY, WHICH THREATENED OUR RULE AS SUPREME MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS.

LEAPING TO RESCUE HER, I CRASHED HEADLONG INTO ONE OF THE INVISIBLE BATTLE CARS - I WAS STUNNED!

WHAT WAS IT?- WHERE'S QUEEN ALURA?

OOOH MY HEAD!-ER- AN INVISIBLE TANK!- SHE DISAPPEARED WHEN THEY DRAGGED HER INSIDE!

INTO THE "LAND OF MYSTERY"

SUDDENLY I WENT WILD!

STOP! WAIT!-WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO ALURA!- TO RESCUE HER! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? THEY'VE GOT HER!

NO!-WAIT! THEY'D GET YOU TOO!

DESPITE MY STRUGGLES THEY FLEW BACK TO BUDDALURA WITH ME - WHERE THE GREAT COUNCIL MET.

YOU CALL ME KING - BUT YOU DON'T OBEY MY ORDERS - AND YOU WON'T FIGHT TO RESCUE YOUR QUEEN - YOU'RE TRAITORS!

WHY SHOULD WE LOSE A GOOD KING TRYING TO SAVE A CAPTURED QUEEN?

BESIDES, NO ONE HAS EVER COME BACK ALIVE FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY!

THOUGH STILL KING — I WAS GUARDED CLOSELY.

THEY THINK I'LL STAY AND BE KING WITHOUT ALURA - I WON'T - I'LL FOOL 'EM!- THE GUARD IS GETTING LAX AND-

ONE NIGHT THE GUARD FELL ASLEEP AND →

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

SNZZZT

SOFTLY I ENTERED THE FLYING BELT AND LIFTER FACTORY.

I WANT A WHOLE LOT OF LIFTERS, AND A BELT THAT WILL CARRY TWICE MY WEIGHT - WITH PLENTY OF BALLAST.

THEN I GOT A TELERADIOSCOPE!

THIS WAS MEANT TO BE MOUNTED IN THE NEW SPACE SHIP- BUT NO MATTER- THE LIFTERS WILL LIFT IT - ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TOW IT.

IN THE MUNITIONS PLANT I GOT SOME GREAT AIR-TORPEDOES!

AND I'LL TAKE A BUNDLE OF MARTIAN FORCE-RAY TUBES, THEY MAY COME IN HANDY!

ON THE PALACE ROOF IN THE GRAY DAWN- I TIED ALL THESE THINGS TOGETHER.

BALANCED TO A FEATHER'S WEIGHT - EVERY ONE OF THEM!- AND I HAVE PLENTY OF ROCKET PISTOLS, TOO!

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ALURA HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY AN INVISIBLE TANK FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY A LAND UNKNOWN AND FULL OF TERROR TO THE OTHER RACES OF THE PLANET VENUS, OVER WHOM WE RULED AS KING AND QUEEN— SO SINGLE-HANDED I SET FORTH, WELL SUPPLIED WITH AERIAL TORPEDOES, MARTIAN FORCE-RAY TUBES AND A TELERADIOSCOPE IN THE DESPERATE VENTURE OF RESCUING HER.

AS THE WEIGHT OF MY APPARATUS WAS COUNTER-BALANCED, I ONLY HAD TO TOW IT AFTER ME.

THEY MUST HAVE BROUGHT HER IN THIS DIRECTION—YES, THE TRACKS OF THEIR WAR TANKS ARE STILL THERE!

PLAN KING'S CAPTURE

AS I FLEW FARTHER INTO THE MYSTERIOUS COUNTRY.

THERE MAY BE MORE INVISIBLE TANKS DOWN THERE—I'LL RISE BEYOND THEIR SIGHT AND USE MY TELERADIOSOPE!

MEANWHILE— WHEN ALURA HAD BEEN DRAGGED INTO THE INVISIBLE TANK—

WHAT'S THIS ON HER BACK—AN ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICE?

YEAH!—SHE'S AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER!

DON'T BE SO ROUGH! THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A QUEEN!

SOME QUEEN AT THAT!

SHE FOUND HER CAPTORS VERY SELF-CONFIDENT.

WHEN BUDDY AND OUR ARMY FLY AFTER YOU WITH ROCKET GUNS AND—

THEY WONT EVEN SEE US—WE'RE INVISIBLE—THE FORCE ZONE AROUND THIS TANK SQUEEZES THE LIGHT QUANTA JUST LIKE A LENS!

ALURA WAS STARTLED.

YOU SAID "QUANTA"—DIDN'T YOU?—WH-WHY THAT'S A WORD FROM ONE OF THE EARTH LANGUAGES!

YEAH—WE'RE FROM EARTH—AT LEAST OUR ANCESTORS WERE—WE DON'T MONKEY WITH THESE DUMB VENUSIANS AT ALL.

AT LENGTH THEY STOPPED—IN SIGHT OF A GREAT CITY, AND—

WH-WHY IT'S MAGNIFICENT!—HOW IS IT THE DRAGON RIDERS AND THE BIEMOVI KNOW NOTHING OF IT?

THEY'RE SCARED TO FLY OVER OUR COUNTRY! WE JUST SHOOT 'EM DOWN IF THEY TRY IT!

WHILE OFF IN ANOTHER DIRECTION—

WH-WHY IT'S—

YEAH—IT'S BUILT AROUND THE RIM OF A VOLCANO—IT'S OUR POWER PLANT—WE GET OUR POWER FROM VOLCANIC FIRES.

THROUGH THE CITY—IN TUNNELS AND OVER VIADUCTS—THEY TOOK ALURA.

WE HAVE NOTHING AS WONDERFUL AS THIS, EVEN ON MARS!—B-BUT WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

TO OUR RULER—THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

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THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WAS HARD-BOILED.

SOME QUEEN,—EH BOSS?—BUT SHE AND THIS KING BUDDY ARE TEACHING THE VENUSIANS A LOT OF SCIENCE—THREATENING OUR SUPREMACY!

THEN GO BACK AND CAPTURE HIM TOO!

NO NO!—PLEASE!—CAN'T WE COMPROMISE? ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE COULD—OH OH, WHAT SHALL I DO?

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2431 A.D.

WHEN ALURA AND I WERE SUPREME MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS, ALURA WAS CAPTURED BY THE DREADED INHABITANTS OF THE LAND OF MYSTERY. THEY HAD WAR TANKS THEY COULD SURROUND WITH FORCE ZONES THAT BENT LIGHT LIKE LENSES AND MADE THEIR CARS INVISIBLE - SINGLE-HANDED I FARED INTO THE LAND OF MYSTERY TO RESCUE HER.

I ROCKETED ON - TOO HIGH TO BE SEEN FROM THE GROUND, BUT IN MY TELERADIOSCOPE -

A GIANT TANK! - HEADING FOR THE BORDER! IT COULD RIDE RIGHT THROUGH OUR WHOLE ARMY! I MUST STOP IT!

FIGHTS TANK SINGLE HANDED

I DROPPED ONE OF MY BOMBS

THAT WILL HIT IN FRONT OF THEM - AND SCARE THEM!

THE BOMB DID HIT IN FRONT OF THE TANK!

BUT THE TANK KEPT ON GOING - AND FADED INTO INVISIBILITY!

THROW THE INVISIBILITY SWITCH!

FULL SPEED AHEAD!

I LOOPED - ROCKETED FOR A SPOT AHEAD OF IT.

I'LL STOP IT YET - WITH MARTIAN FORCE RAYS!

DESCENDING - I SPIKED MY FORCE-RAY TUBES INTO THE CLIFF - AND WAITED.

THERE IT COMES! I CAN'T SEE IT - BUT I CAN HEAR IT - AND SEE ITS TRACKS!

CLICKITY CLACK

WHEN I TURNED LOOSE THE FORCE RAYS!

AHA! FORCE RAYS, DO YOUR STUFF!

THINKING THE GEARS JAMMED - THE CREW LEARED OUT OF THE TANK AND INTO VISIBILITY.

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

WHAT'S GONE WRONG?

ALL HANDS OUT! THROW THE VISIBILITY SWITCH SO WE CAN SEE!

I TURNED THE FORCE RAYS ON THEM - IT BLEW THEM BACK LIKE LEAVES!

NOW IF I CAN JUST BLOW THEM BACK FAR ENOUGH -

WHAT HIT US?

THEN I ROCKETED FOR THE DOOR OF THE TANK - COULD I REACH IT BEFORE THEY DID?

THIS JUNK IS HOLDING ME BACK!

STOP HIM!

IT'S THE GUY WE'RE AFTER!

HE'S STEALING OUR TANK!

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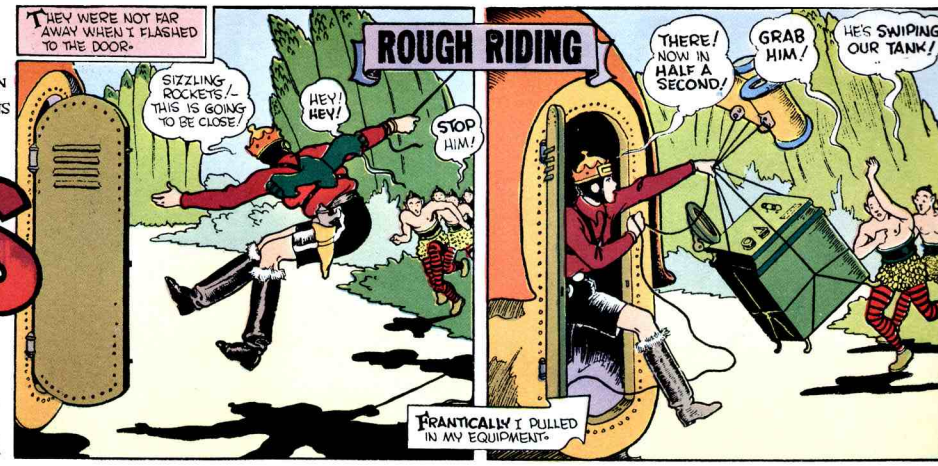
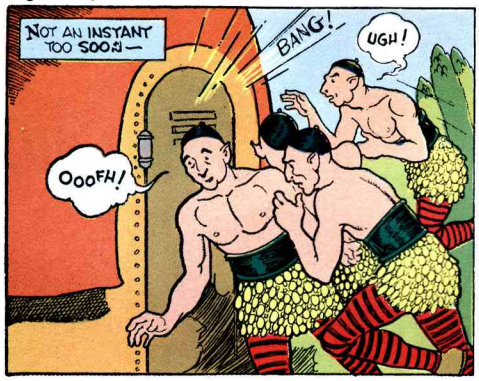
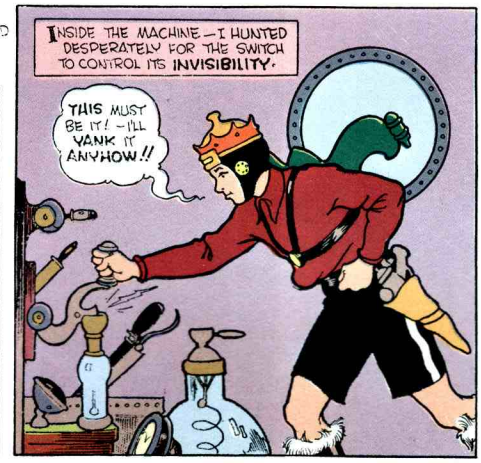
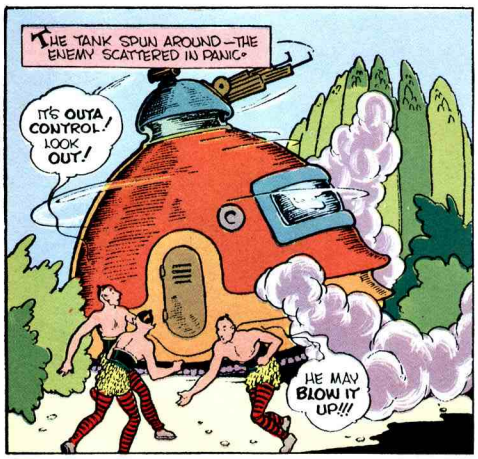
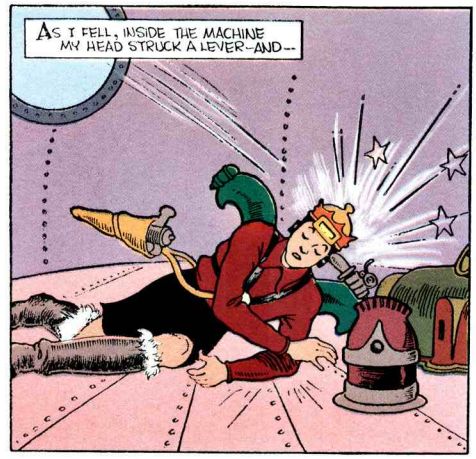
ALURA HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY INHABITANTS OF THE **LAND OF MYSTERY** — SINGLE-HANDED I SET FORTH TO RESCUE HER— BY USE OF THE **MARTIAN FORCE** RAYS I HAD STOPPED THE WAR TANK THAT WAS ON ITS WAY TO CAPTURE **ME**, AND HAD DRIVEN ITS CREW OFF — NOW I WAS **ROCKETING** FOR THE TANK, IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO REACH IT BEFORE ITS CREW DID.

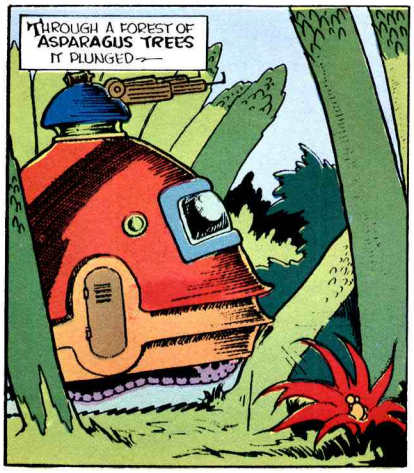

THEY WERE NOT FAR AWAY WHEN I FLASHED TO THE DOOR.
SIZZLING ROCKETS!— THIS IS GOING TO BE CLOSE!
HEY! HEY!
STOP HIM!
ROUGH RIDING
THERE! NOW IN HALF A SECOND!
GRAB HIM!
HE'S SWIPING OUR TANK!
FRANTICALLY I PULLED IN MY EQUIPMENT.











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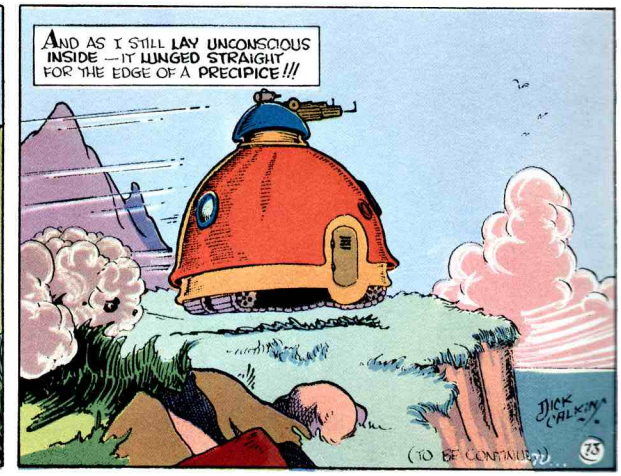

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ALONE I HAD SET FORTH TO RESCUE ALURA WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE **LAND OF MYSTERY** ON THE PLANET VENUS—I HAD GOTTEN POSSESSION OF ONE OF THEIR GREAT **WAR TANKS**, BUT LAY **UNCONSCIOUS** WITHIN IT AS IT **PLUNGED MADLY TOWARD A PRECIPICE!** Buddy Deering

THE MACHINE WAS BUT A FEW FEET FROM IT WHEN I CAME TO—AND—

WOW!—WHAT A WALLOP IN THE HEAD I GOT!—WHERE'S THIS BUS TAKING ME, I WONDER?

ROMANCE OPENS GATES

OOOOFAH! A FOUR-HUNDRED FOOT DROP!

THEN—TOO LATE TO STOP IT!

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME—IT MUST BE **WONDERFUL** TO BE A **QUEEN**—SO **ROMANTIC**—

MEANWHILE, ALURA'S FATE LAY IN THE HANDS OF HER CAPTORS' CHIEF EXECUTIVE. SHE AWAITED ANXIOUSLY.

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WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO D-DO WITH ME?—PUT ME IN **JAIL**?

NO—I THINK NOT—YOU HAVE NO WEAPONS—YOU CAN'T PASS THE CITY GUARD—I'LL JUST TURN YOU OVER TO **REBA**!

REBA WAS **ATHLETIC** AND **STRONG**.

COME ALONG NOW—THEY CALL ME "**ROUGH REBA**"—SO DON'T TRY TO WIGGLE AWAY FROM ME!

I-I WON'T—I WOULDN'T TH-THINK OF IT!

UP IN REBA'S ROOMS—**HIGH** ABOVE THE CITY—

I'M **SICK** OF IT!—IT'S JUST A LOT OF **HARD WORK** AND—AND **GRIEF**—LOOK AT THE **JAM** I'M IN **NOW**—AND I DON'T KNOW WH-WHERE B-B-BUDDY IS!

REBA HAD NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE THE LAND OF MYSTERY, SO—

—ALURA TOLD HER OF THE **BIRD RIDERS** AND THE **JUNGLE FOLK**

—OF THE **DRAGONEERS** OF THE **NORTH**, AND OF THE **AROMAKS OF THE SOUTH**.

—AND OF THE LITTLE FOLK AND THEIR **STRANGE ARMOR**.

REBA BECAME **VERY EMOTIONAL!**

ROMANCE!—AH!—TO GET AWAY FROM THIS **ENGINEERING**—ALL THESE **MACHINES**—TO ROAM THE **ASPARAGUS FORESTS** WITH A **BIG, ROUGH, HANDSOME JUNGLE MAN!**

THEN WHY NOT **HELP ME ESCAPE**?—AND **COME WITH ME!**

REBA YIELDED TO TEMPTATION.

IS THIS **YOUR** CAR?

YES—LAY LOW IN BACK THERE UNTIL WE PASS THE **OUTER GUARD**—THEN **HEIGH-HO** FOR **ROMANCE!**

BEYOND THE CITY—THEY SHOT AWAY AT **FULL SPEED**.

THEY'VE **DISCOVERED OUR ESCAPE!** WE'RE **PURSUED!**

THEY **CAN'T** CATCH ME NOW!

DICK CALKINS

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2431 A.D.

WHEN ALURA WAS CAPTURED BY THE SUPER-ENGINEERS WHO DWELT IN THE LAND OF MYSTERY ON THE PLANET VENUS, SHE WAS PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF A GIRL NAMED REBA - REBA WAS SICK OF ENGINEERING AND LONGED FOR ROMANCE - SHE AGREED TO FLEE WITH ALURA BACK TO OUR OWN LAND OF BUDDALURA — MEANWHILE I WAS IN A TANK WHICH HAD PLUNGED OFF THE EDGE OF A GREAT PRECIPICE - IT LOOKED LIKE A SMASH-UP FOR ME, BUT →

I STILL HAD MY FLYING BELT - I JUMPED CLEAR OF THE FALLING TANK JUST IN TIME!

WHOOSH! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!!

BALKED AT THE BORDER

I SAT DOWN TO THINK.

WELL, I'VE STILL GOT MOST OF MY APPARATUS - AND I'VE STILL GOT TO FIND WHERE THEY TOOK ALURA - AND RESCUE HER.

ALURA AND REBA FLED DESPERATELY TOWARD THE BORDER.

OH REBA! - THEY'RE GAINING!

I CAN'T GET ANY MORE SPEED OUT OF THIS CAR - IF ONLY WE CAN MAKE THAT TURN INTO THE RAVINE AHEAD OF US WE'LL BE SAFE!

REBA HAD A PLAN - IT WAS DESPERATE - BUT IT MIGHT WORK.

IT WILL CUT ACROSS THE FIELD BEYOND THE PASS AND PLUNGE INTO THE RIVER - MAYBE THEY'LL THINK WE'RE STILL IN IT!

YES - BUT IF WE JUMP, WHAT ABOUT THE CAR?

I WISH I HAD MY FLYING BELT!

SETTING THE CONTROLS OF THE CAR - THE GIRLS JUMPED.

DON'T WASTE TIME WISHING! - HIDE - QUICK!

THE PURSUIT FLASHED PAST.

I-I D-DON'T THINK SO!

DID THEY SEE US? - ARE THEY WISE TO US?

AND A LITTLE WHILE LATER.

DUCK, ALURA! - THEY'RE COMING BACK!

THEY'RE GOING - BY! - THEY DON'T SUSPECT - THEY THINK WE'RE DROWNED!

SO ALURA AND REBA HIKED FOR THE BORDER OF THE LAND OF MYSTERY.

OH I WISH I HAD MY FLYING BELT - HOW MUCH FARTHER IS IT, REBA?

WE'VE STILL GOT FIFTY MILES TO GO - FIFTY MILES TO REST AND ROMANCE!

AT LAST - FOOTSORE AND WEARY - THEY CAME TO THE RAVINE AT THE BORDER, WHERE WITHOUT WARNING!

WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I RAMMED INTO SOMETHING - S-S-SOMETHING INVISIBLE!!

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THE OBSTACLE MATERIALIZED INTO VIEW!

IT'S A T-T-TANK RUN!

IT'S BETWEEN US AND THE BORDER!

A COUPLE OF RUNAWAYS! AFTER THEM!

ALL HOPE SEEMED LOST!

KICKED OFF THE VERY DOORSTEP OF ROMANCE!

WE CAN'T RUN FASTER THAN THAT MACHINE! - WHAT SHALL WE DO?

JACK CRESSY

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2431 A.D.

AS RULERS OF THE PLANET VENUS, ALURA AND I WERE IN A FINE FIX — ALURA HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE DREADED INHABITANTS OF THE LAND OF MYSTERY — ALONE I HAD SET FORTH TO RESCUE HER — BUT ALURA HAD ALREADY ESCAPED WITH REBA, A MYSTERIAN GIRL WHO SOUGHT ROMANCE BEYOND THE BORDERS OF HER OWN LAND — BUT AT THE VERY BORDER, THEIR ESCAPE HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY A MYSTERIAN WAR TANK.

THE GIRLS RAN DESPERATELY THE MACHINE PURSUING.

IT'S GAINING, REBA! — WE CAN'T OUTRUN IT!

MAYBE WE CAN ELUDE IT IN THIS ASPARAGUS F-FOREST!

THE LAND OF THE URROKS

SAHHHH —! THEY DON'T SEE US!

THEY'RE CRASHING RIGHT ON PAST US!!

EXHAUSTED, THEY COLLAPSED AND—

IN AN INSTANT I WAS BESIDE THEM.

NO GLADDER THAN I AM! — THIS IS REBA — SHES HELPING ME TO ESCAPE!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, KING BUDDY.

WE HELD A COUNCIL OF WAR.

BUT THE WAY ACROSS THE BORDER IS BLOCKED — AND WE HAVE NO FLYING BELTS!

I DON'T NEED ALL THIS JUNK NOW — WE'LL LEAVE IT — YOU GIRLS RIDE THE LIFTERS AND I'LL PULL YOU!

OH, I JUST KNOW I'LL BE AWFULLY SCARED!

AFTER WANDERING FOR HOURS, THE GIRLS CAME TO A CLIFF AT THE EDGE OF THE SEA, AND —

LOOK! SOMEONE IS DOWN THERE — HE'S NOT DRESSED LIKE OUR PEOPLE!

IT'S BUDDY! — YOOoo — HOOoo..! — OH BUD-DEEEE!

ALURA!

GEE, I'M GLAD I'VE FOUND YOU! WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

SO WE TOOK OFF LIKE AN AERIAL TRAIN.

JUST RELAX, REBA! — YOU CAN'T FALL — THE LIFTER COUNTERBALANCES YOUR WEIGHT.

WHEEEE!

AND WE'RE ALL TIED TIGHT TOGETHER!

ON WE SOARED — ABOVE THE DENSE CLOUD LAYER OF THE PLANET — IN WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE DIRECTION OF HOME.

THIS IS SIMPLY DELISH! NOW FOR A NEW LAND — AND ROMANCE!

SHE'S BEEN COOPED UP WITH A LOT OF STUFFY OLD ENGINES ALL HER LIFE, BUDDY.

POOR GIRL! WAIT TILL WE GET HER TO BUDDALURA — WE MUST BE ABOVE IT RIGHT NOW — DOWN WE GO!

BUT TO OUR AMAZEMENT WE CAME DOWN IN AN UTTERLY STRANGE LAND!

N-NO — WHAT HAPPENED, BUDDY?

I MUST HAVE GOTTEN MY BEARINGS WRONG — OR THE WIND BLEW US OFF OUR COURSE!

WH-WHY THIS ISN'T BUDDALURA, IS IT?

SUDDENLY AN OMINOUS ROAR PETRIFIED US!

URROKK!

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THE CREATURE CAME ON WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED!

I-LOOK! — HE JUST WAVES TH-THE EXPLOSIVE R-ROCKET ASIDE!

OH-B-BUDDY! F-FLY UP ON Y-YOUR F-FLYING BELT AND WE'LL HANG ON T-TO YOU!

I-I-D-DON'T SEE ANYTHING ROMANTIC IN THIS!

THEN THE STRANGE BEAST WAS RIGHT ON TOP OF US!

B-B-BUDDY! F-FLY!

I-I-C-CAN'T! YOU G-GIRLS ARE HUGGING ME SO T-TIGHT I CAN'T REACH THE C-CONTROLS!

OH WHAT S-SHALL WE-D-D DO!

JACK CALKINS

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2431 A.D.

ALURA OF MARS AND I, BUDDY DEERING OF EARTH, NOW MONARCHS OF THE PLANET VENUS, WERE LOST IN A STRANGE LAND ON THAT WORLD - WITH US WAS REBA, A GIRL FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY - SUDDENLY WE HAD BEEN CONFRONTED BY A **TERRIFYING MONSTER** - DUMFOUNDED IN OUR FRIGHT, WE FAILED TO MAKE USE OF THE **FLYING BELT** TO ESCAPE, BUT —

URROK'S GRATITUDE

THE GREAT BEAST SEEMED TO **UNDERSTAND** OUR ALARM AND —

URROK? UR-R-ROK?

WH-WHY, IT'S B-BACKING OFF!

B-BUT IT D-DOESN'T SEEM F-FRIGHTENED!

IT ACTS AS IF HE DIDN'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN **US**!

WHY — I ACTUALLY BELIEVE IT'S **TALKING** TO US!

UR-UR-R URRROK!

OH **BUDDY** — IT'S **INTELLIGENT**!

IT'S ASKING US TO **FOLLOW** — INTO THOSE **HILLS**

THEN — TO OUR **AMAZEMENT**!

WE FOLLOWED — I TOWED THE GIRLS, WHOSE WEIGHT WAS COUNTERBALANCED BY THEIR **LIFTERS** —

WHAT KIND OF AN ANIMAL **IS** IT, BUDDY?

WE'RE SAFE ENOUGH IN THE AIR, I GUESS!

IT MUST BE AN "**URROK**"

URROK

THE BEAST LED US TO A **CREVASSE** — AND **IN IT** —

OH **LOOK**! — A **BABY** URROK!

I DON'T SEE WHAT **WE** CAN DO ABOUT IT.

POOR **LITTLE THING**! IT CAN'T GET **OUT**!

URR-REEEK! -EEEK

THE GIRLS WERE **SYMPATHETIC**!

GIVE ME THAT **FLYING BELT**, BUDDY! I'M GOING DOWN, AND **RESCUE THAT PUP**!

BUT **ALURA**! HOW —

AH! - DID MY BITSY URROK FALL DOWN BIG HOLE?

UREEK!

ALURA WEIGHTED THE TWO **LIFTERS** WITH STONES - THEN WITH MY **FLYING BELT** DESCENDED.

POOR LITTLE THING! — I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO **HEAVY** FOR THESE **LIFTERS**!

REEK - UREEK!

THE PLAN **WORKED** - UP THEY **CAME**!

NOW HOLD ON **TIGHT**, LITTLE "**URKY**"

UREEK!

THE TWO BEASTS, BIG AND LITTLE, SEEMED **OVERJOYED**!

AHHH! - ISN'T HE **CUTE**!

SHE'S GLAD TO HAVE HIM BACK AGAIN!

SHE MUST BE HIS **MOTHER**.

SUDDENLY - WITHOUT WARNING — THE ANIMALS **RACED AWAY**!

WELL! - OF **ALL** THE

NOW **THAT'S** GRATITUDE FOR YOU!

URRROK!

UREEK!

WHAT DO YOU **EXPECT**? THEY'RE ONLY **ANIMALS**!

A MOMENT LATER A **WHOLE HERD** OF **URROKS** CAME THUNDERING **DOWN ON US** !!

URROK!

URROK!

URROK!

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DICK CALKINS

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Buck Rogers

by PHIL NOWLAN AND DICK CALKINS

2431 A.D.

II HAD RESCUED ALURA FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY-REBA, A MYSTERIAN GIRL, HAD FLED WITH US IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE-BUT I GOT MY BEARINGS MIXED, AND INSTEAD OF DESCENDING THROUGH THE CLOUDS AT BUDDALURA, OUR CAPITAL FROM WHICH WE RULED THE PLANET VENUS, WE HAD COME DOWN IN THE LAND OF THE URROKS, STRANGE BEASTS OF UNUSUAL INTELLIGENCE, WHERE, AFTER SAVING THE LIFE OF A BABY URROK—

THE GIANTS' RAID

AS THE URROKS HUNDERED TOWARD US—

THEY WOULDN'T HURT US-AFTER WE SAVED THAT LITTLE ONE'S LIFE!

URROK!

INTO THE AIR!-QUICK!

OH YEAH?-BUT WHY TAKE CHANCES ON IT?-UP WE GO!

ONCE SAFE IN THE AIR.

ROMANCE! THAT'S ALL YOU THINK ABOUT, REBA!

THOSE URROKS MAY BE ADVENTUROUS BUT THEY'RE CERTAINLY NOT ROMANTIC

LIKE CLEOPATRA—BY JINGO! THAT'S A HUNCH—WE'LL NICKNAME YOU CLEOPATRA-CLEO FOR SHORT!

WE BOARDED IT IN A JIFFY—AND FOUND THE PILOT ASLEEP!

OH! ISN'T HE THE HANDSOME THING!

BUT HE'S GOT NO RIGHT TO BE SLEEPING!

HEY! HEY! WAKE UP!

HUH? WH-WHAT?

REBA WAS A FAST WORKER!

MY DARLING OH MY DARLING!

HEY! YOU TRYING TO THROW ME OVERBOARD?

FOR PITY'S SAKE!

WHAT THE—

LOST ABOVE THE WILD AND RUGGED VENUSIAN TERRAIN, THE THREE ADVENTURERS ALMOST DESPAIRED-BUT AT LENGTH—

LOOK!-AN AIRSHIP!-YOUR PEOPLE ARE THE ONLY ONES ON THIS PLANET WHO HAVE AIRCRAFT!

IT'S ONE OF OUR FLOATING FREIGHTERS!

THAT MEANS A RIDE HOME!

NORTHWARD WE ROCKETED-ACROSS THE BOILING EQUATORIAL SEA.

WELL, I GUESS I HAVE GOT A WAY ABOUT ME-HEH-HEH-HEH!

BUT BUDDY, HE'S THE FIRST PERSON SHE'S MET,-AND—

I THINK YOU'RE THE MOST FASCINATING MAN I'VE EVER MET.

HE WON'T BE THE LAST-SO SHE'LL GET OVER IT!

WE REACHED THE SHORES OF THE JUNGLE FOLK.

AH RO-MANCE!-ROMANCE HAS COME INTO MY LIFE AT LAST!!

WHAT'S THAT DOWN THERE?

LOOKS LIKE A RAFT WITH A ROUGH SUPERSTRUCTURE ON IT!

A GIGANTIC RAFT!-AND LOOK AT THAT PATH THROUGH THE FOREST!!!

PUZZLED-WE FLASHED ON UNTIL WE SAW—

GIANTS! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THEM!

THEY'RE WIPING OUT THE VILLAGE!

THEY'LL ATTACK OUR CAPITAL NEXT!

THEN THE GIANTS SAW US.

OH DO BE CAREFUL!

THEY CAN'T KICK OUR SUBJECTS AROUND THAT WAY!

STRAIGHT AT 'EM-FULL BLAST!!

IF THEY EVER SWING ON US AND SOCK US-

AS WE FLASHED AT THEM—

ARFF!! LITTLE MEN! FLY LIKE BIRDS!

UGH!-SMACK 'EM-SQUASH 'EM!

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BUDDY THE GIANT-SOCKER

ALURA AND I, RULERS OF THE PLANET VENUS, WERE RETURNING TO OUR CAPITAL AFTER STARTLING AND AMAZING ADVENTURES, WITH REBA, A GIRL OF THE LAND OF MYSTERY, WHEN WE ENCOUNTERED THREE GIANTS, TWENTY-FIVE FEET TALL, WHO WERE LAYING WASTE A VILLAGE OF OUR LOYAL SUBJECTS, THE JUNGLE FOLK — WE DROVE THE AIR-FREIGHTER STRAIGHT AT THEM!

—Buddy Deering

I CUT LOOSE WITH MY ROCKET PISTOLS AND— WHAT A SHOT! ATTABOY BUDDY!! THEY'RE EASY TO HIT!-THEY'RE SO BIG!! BLAM!

LETTING THE SHIP SPEED ON, I LOOPED BACK WITH MY FLYING BELT, AND — WHOOSH! AWRRRK! YOU WILL BUST UP OUR VILLAGES, WILL YOU! BLAM!

THEIR DOMES MUST BE SOLID IVORY -TH-THEY'RE ONLY STUNNED!! I SOCK HIM! WHOOSH! HE SOCK US— WHAMM!! BIG BLAM! HUMPH!

I LANDED BEFORE THEM WITH A REGAL GESTURE. DOWN! ON YOUR KNEES!-SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING AND QUEEN OF THIS PLANET! PLANET? -WHAT PLANET? KING? HUH? WHERE? YOU SOCK ME! WHOOSH!

SUDDENLY— HE'S DUMB! HEY! CUT THAT OUT!! I SOCK HIM! WHOOSH!!!

SO I LET HIM HAVE IT AGAIN. HE'S SLOW THINKER! DUMB! VERY! *@!! ? YOU MUST LIKE TO BE BLAMMED! BLAM!

I CHASED THEM BACK THROUGH THE ASPARAGUS FOREST TO THE SHORE OF THE BOILING EQUATORIAL SEA. SURE! -YOU DON'T SOCK US ANY MORE! I CAN'T SOCK HIM! WHOOSH!! SCRAM! BACK TO THAT RAFT OF YOURS! I KNOW! HIMSELF IS KING HE TALKS ABOUT!

I MADE THEM LAUNCH THEIR RAFT. NOW PADDLE BACK TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY!- AND MAKE IT CLICKY! BIG KING! HOORAY! MAYBE WE COME BACK! TOO MUCH SOCKING! WHOOSH!!

THERE WAS A GREAT CELEBRATION ON OUR SAFE RETURN TO OUR CAPITAL, BUDDALURA.

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BUT NOT A WEEK HAD GONE BY BEFORE— GIANTS! HUNDREDS OF THEM! AND MARCHING ON BUDDALURA!! BUDDY! -QUICK LOOK IN THE TELERADIOSCOPE!!

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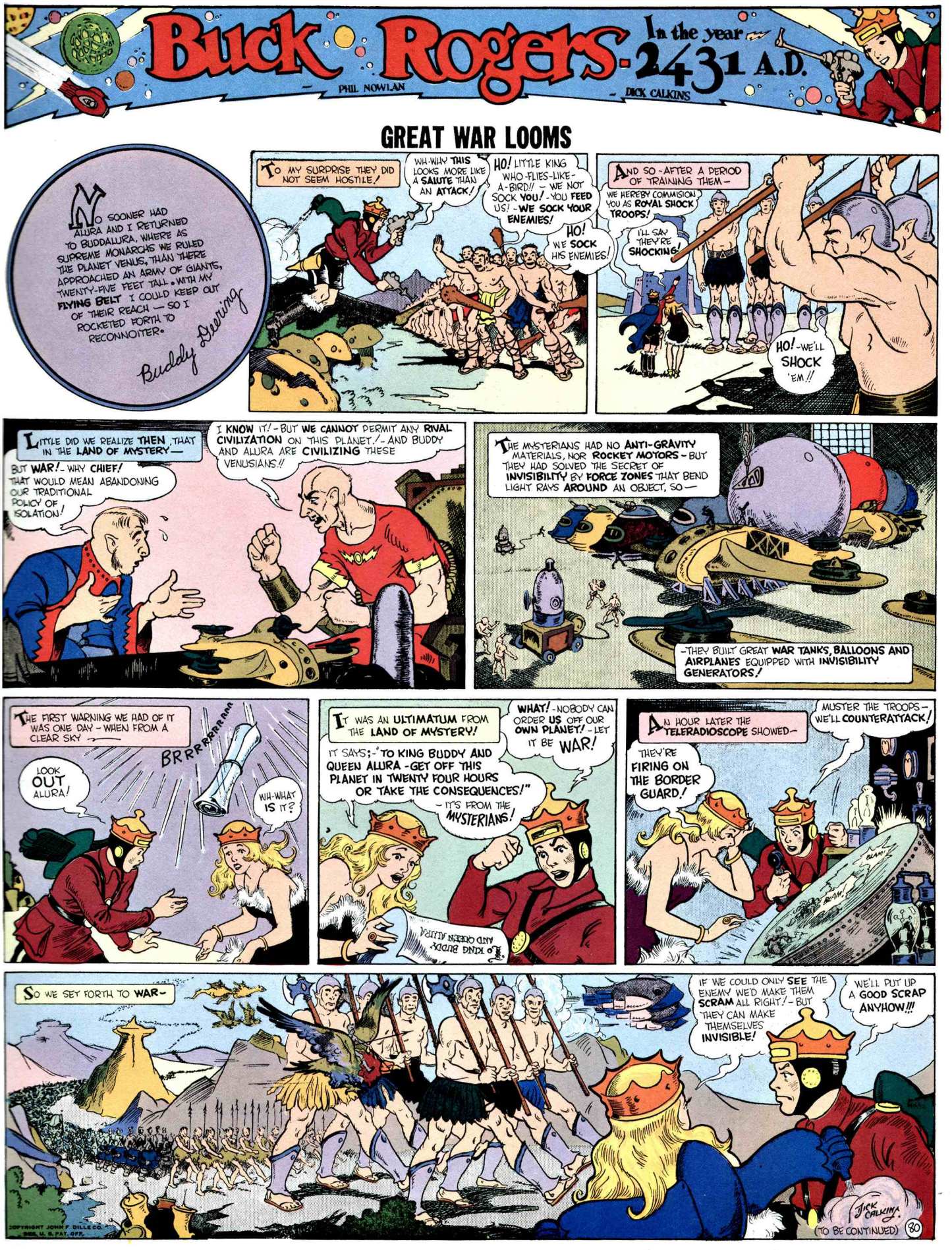
NEWS FLASH!

— PLANET VENUS —

IN RESPONSE TO THE OVERWHELMING DEMAND FROM OUR FRIENDS ON EARTH, WE HAVE SENT OUT A GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY, AND AT PRESENT THE BEST MINDS OF VENUS ARE HARD AT WORK DRAWING UP A MAP OF THIS PLANET. IT WILL BE PRINTED IN BLACK AND WHITE AND YOU CAN COLOR IT YOURSELVES. JUST WRITE TO US IN CARE OF THIS PAPER ENCLOSING 4¢ IN STAMPS TO COVER MAILING COSTS. WRITE OR PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS PLAINLY. THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE A LARGE MAP OF VENUS, SHOWING THE POSITION OF THE BOILING SEA, AROMAKIA, CAVE OF THE WINDS, THE FLYING DRAGON COUNTRY, AND MANY OTHER STRANGE AND INTERESTING PLACES.

YOUR FRIENDS— Alura and Buddy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GREAT WAR LOOMS
NO SOONER HAD ALURA AND I RETURNED TO BUDDALURA, WHERE AS SUPREME MONARCHS WE RULED THE PLANET VENUS, THAN THERE APPROACHED AN ARMY OF GIANTS, TWENTY-FIVE FEET TALL • WITH MY FLYING BELT I COULD KEEP OUT OF THEIR REACH — SO I ROCKETED FORTH TO RECONNOITER.
Buddy Deering
TO MY SURPRISE THEY DID NOT SEEM HOSTILE!
WH-WHY THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE A SALUTE THAN AN ATTACK!
HO! LITTLE KING WHO-FLIES-LIKE-A-BIRD!! — WE NOT SOCK YOU! — YOU FEED US! — WE SOCK YOUR ENEMIES!
HO! WE SOCK HIS ENEMIES!
AND SO - AFTER A PERIOD OF TRAINING THEM —
WE HEREBY COMMISION YOU AS ROYAL SHOCK TROOPS!
I'LL SAY THEY'RE SHOCKING!
HO! - WE'LL SHOCK 'EM!!
LITTLE DID WE REALIZE THEN, THAT IN THE LAND OF MYSTERY —
BUT WAR! - WHY CHIEF! THAT WOULD MEAN ABANDONING OUR TRADITIONAL POLICY OF ISOLATION!
I KNOW IT! - BUT WE CANNOT PERMIT ANY RIVAL CIVILIZATION ON THIS PLANET! - AND BUDDY AND ALURA ARE CIVILIZING THESE VENUSIANS!!
THE MYSTERIANS HAD NO ANTI-GRAVITY MATERIALS, NOR ROCKET MOTORS - BUT THEY HAD SOLVED THE SECRET OF INVISIBILITY BY FORCE ZONES THAT BEND LIGHT RAYS AROUND AN OBJECT, SO —
- THEY BUILT GREAT WAR TANKS, BALLOONS AND AIRPLANES EQUIPPED WITH INVISIBILITY GENERATORS!
THE FIRST WARNING WE HAD OF IT WAS ONE DAY - WHEN FROM A CLEAR SKY —
BRRRRRRRRR
LOOK OUT ALURA!
WH-WHAT IS IT?
IT WAS AN ULTIMATUM FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY!
IT SAYS: - "TO KING BUDDY AND QUEEN ALURA - GET OFF THIS PLANET IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS OR TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES!" - IT'S FROM THE MYSTERIANS!
WHAT! - NOBODY CAN ORDER US OFF OUR OWN PLANET! - LET IT BE WAR!
TO KING BUDDY AND QUEEN ALURA
AN HOUR LATER THE TELERADIOSCOPE SHOWED —
THEY'RE FIRING ON THE BORDER GUARD!
MUSTER THE TROOPS — WE'LL COUNTERATTACK!
BLAM!
BLAM!
SO WE SET FORTH TO WAR —
IF WE COULD ONLY SEE THE ENEMY WE'D MAKE THEM SCRAM ALL RIGHT! - BUT THEY CAN MAKE THEMSELVES INVISIBLE!
WE'LL PUT UP A GOOD SCRAP ANYHOW!!!
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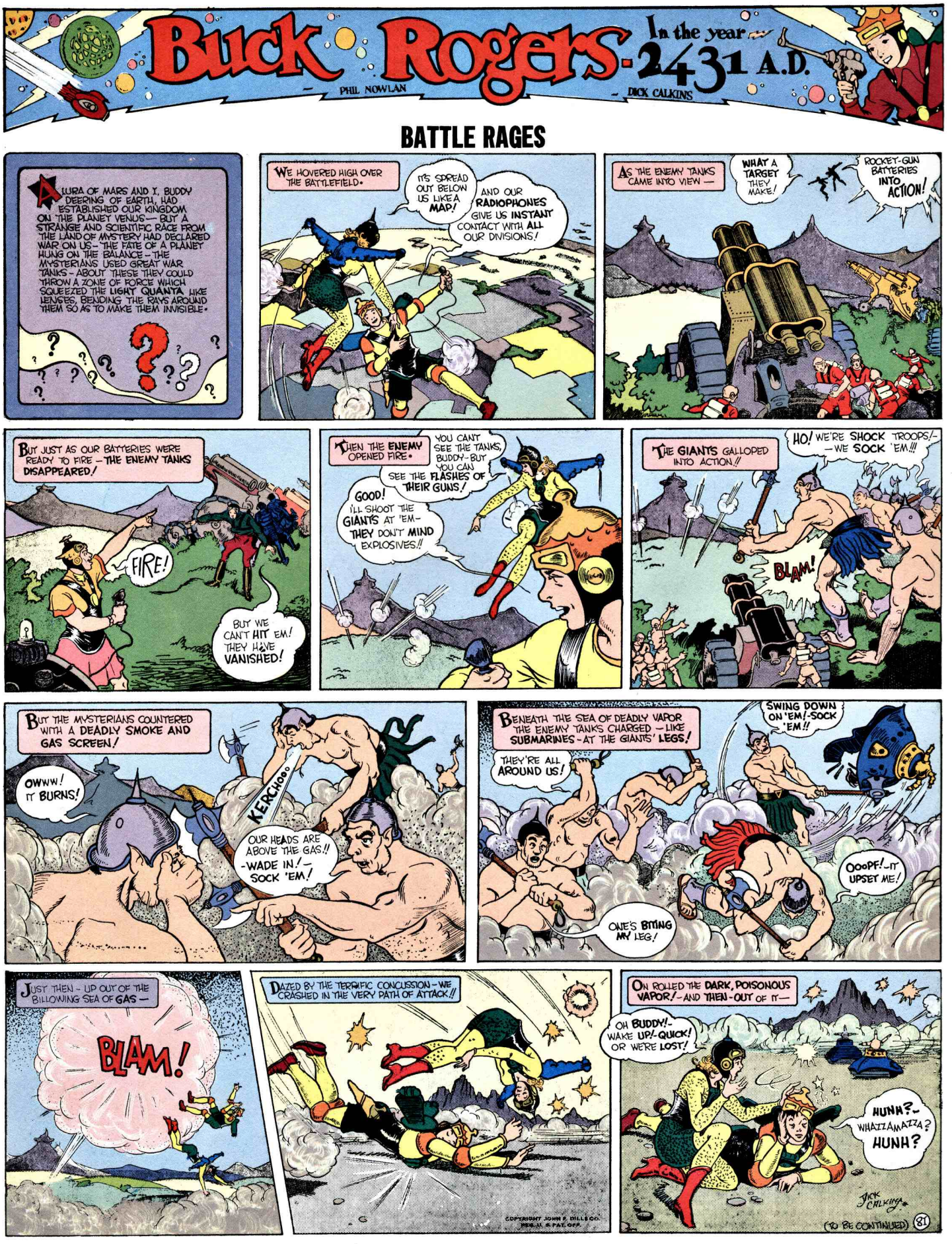
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BATTLE RAGES
AURA OF MARS AND I, BUDDY DEERING OF EARTH, HAD ESTABLISHED OUR KINGDOM ON THE PLANET VENUS— BUT A STRANGE AND SCIENTIFIC RACE FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY HAD DECLARED WAR ON US - THE FATE OF A PLANET HUNG ON THE BALANCE - THE MYSTERIANS USED GREAT WAR TANKS - ABOUT THESE THEY COULD THROW A ZONE OF FORCE WHICH SQUEEZED THE LIGHT QUANTA LIKE LENSES, BENDING THE RAYS AROUND THEM SO AS TO MAKE THEM INVISIBLE.
WE HOVERED HIGH OVER THE BATTLEFIELD.
IT'S SPREAD OUT BELOW US LIKE A MAP!
AND OUR RADIOPHONES GIVE US INSTANT CONTACT WITH ALL OUR DIVISIONS!
AS THE ENEMY TANKS CAME INTO VIEW —
WHAT A TARGET THEY MAKE!
ROCKET-GUN BATTERIES INTO ACTION!
BUT JUST AS OUR BATTERIES WERE READY TO FIRE — THE ENEMY TANKS DISAPPEARED!
FIRE!
BUT WE CAN'T HIT 'EM! THEY HAVE VANISHED!
THEN THE ENEMY OPENED FIRE.
YOU CAN'T SEE THE TANKS, BUDDY - BUT YOU CAN SEE THE FLASHES OF THEIR GUNS!
GOOD! I'LL SHOOT THE GIANTS AT 'EM - THEY DON'T MIND EXPLOSIVES!!
THE GIANTS GALLOPED INTO ACTION!!
HO! WE'RE SHOCK TROOPS! - WE SOCK 'EM!!!
BLAM!
BUT THE MYSTERIANS COUNTERED WITH A DEADLY SMOKE AND GAS SCREEN!
OWWW! IT BURNS!
KERCHOO...
OUR HEADS ARE ABOVE THE GAS!! - WADE IN! - SOCK 'EM!
BENEATH THE SEA OF DEADLY VAPOR THE ENEMY TANKS CHARGED — LIKE SUBMARINES - AT THE GIANTS' LEGS!
SWING DOWN ON 'EM! - SOCK 'EM!!
THEY'RE ALL AROUND US!
OOOPF! - IT UPSET ME!
ONE'S BITING MY LEG!
JUST THEN - UP OUT OF THE BILLOWING SEA OF GAS —
BLAM!
DAZED BY THE TERRIFIC CONCUSSION - WE CRASHED IN THE VERY PATH OF ATTACK!!
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ON ROLLED THE DARK, POISONOUS VAPOR! - AND THEN - OUT OF IT —
OH BUDDY! - WAKE UP! - QUICK! OR WE'RE LOST!
HUNH?! - WHAZZAMAZZA? HUNH?
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VICTORY IN DOUBT

THE KINGDOM WHICH ALURA AND I HAD ESTABLISHED ON THE PLANET VENUS WAS THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION WHEN THE SUPER-ENGINEERS FROM THE LAND OF MYSTERY ATTACKED US - A GREAT BATTLE WAS RAGING - ALURA AND I HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN - OUR FLYING BELTS DAMAGED, WE FELL IN THE PATH OF THE ONRUSHING BATTLE TANKS OF THE MYSTERIANS, WHICH, SURROUNDED BY A DENSE SMOKE SCREEN, WERE KNOCKING THE LEGS FROM UNDER OUR DIVISION OF GIANT SHOCK TROOPS, AND SCATTERING THE REST OF OUR SOLDIERS—

Buddy Deering

OUR FLYERS DARED NOT DROP BOMBS INTO THE SMOKE SCREEN FOR FEAR OF HITTING US.

BUT THERE'S ONE OF THEM SMASHING A TANK! - CLIMB INTO THE WRECKAGE! - IT WILL BE SAFER!!

THERE!! ANOTHER OF OUR GIANTS IS DOWN!!

WE SCURRIED FOR THE WRECKED TANK.

LOOK OUT! YOU'LL GET STEPPED ON!

OH! OH! THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE DOWN HERE IN THIS SMOKE, DO THEY?

JUST AS A BATTLEAXE CRASHED DOWN AT RANDOM —

WHISHHH!!

PHOOIE! THAT WAS CLOSE!

IN WE GO!

INSIDE, WE MADE AN ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY!

WH-WHY — IT HAS NO CREW!

IT'S RADIO CONTROLLED!! — HOORAY! — THIS WILL WIN THE BATTLE FOR US!! - FOLLOW ME!

BACK INTO THE CHAOS OF BATTLE AND SMOKE WE PLUNGED, AND—

WHAT FOR?

HERE'S ONE OF OUR GIANTS - GRAB HIS LEG!

THE GIANT REACHED DOWN!

OH BUDDY! HE'S GRABBING ME!

YEAH! THAT'S THE IDEA! - HE KNOWS WE'RE NOT ENEMY TANKS!

A SECOND LATER—

HO! - LITTLE KING AND QUEEN! - TANKS BOWL US OVER! - WE CAN'T SEE TO SOCK 'EM!

SIGNAL A ROCKET CRUISER!

HE "WAVED" AT A ROCKET CRUISER WITH US.

THEY SEE US, BUDDY

NOW TO WIN THE BATTLE!

HOW? WE CAN'T SEE TO SOCK 'EM!

THE AIRCRAFT CAME DOWN AND —

I HOPE WE DON'T MISS IT!

HEY! - YOU CATCH 'EM - I GOT MORE SOCKING TO DO!

WE WON'T! - HIS AIM WAS GOOD!

THEN IN THE CONTROL CABIN OF THE ROCKET SHIP —

THAT JUMP WAS NEATLY DONE - YOUR MAJESTIES WERE LUCKY NOT TO —

NEVER MIND OUR LUCK, CAPTAIN! - GET YOUR RADIO TRANSMITTER WORKING AT ONCE! - WE'VE GOT TO WIN THIS BATTLE WITH IT!!

BUT BUDDY! HOW ARE WE GOING TO WIN A BATTLE WITH A RADIO TRANSMITTER?

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MECHANICAL INVADERS

The Royal Kingdom of VENUS
DEAR READER -
WE WERE LOCKED IN BATTLE WITH THE MYSTERIANS, WHOSE SMOKE AND TANK ATTACK HAD THREATENED TO OVERCOME THE KINGDOM WHICH ALURA AND I HAD ESTABLISHED ON THE PLANET VENUS - BUT AT THE CRUCIAL MOMENT I FOUND OUT THE ENEMY TANKS WERE RADIO-CONTROLLED AND CONTAINED NO CREWS.
King Buddy and Queen Alura
ON SURGED THE TANKS - THEIR SMOKE SCREEN PROTECTING THEM - WE WATCHED FROM ABOVE
RADIO TRANSMITTER TUNED ON ALL BANDS, SIR.
WAIT UNTIL I GIVE THE WORD.
WELL, GIVE IT QUICKLY!
AND WHEN I GAVE THE WORD —
WE'RE BROADCASTING STATIC AT FIVE THOUSAND KILOWATTS!
THAT'LL KNOCK OUT THEIR RADIO CONTROL SIGNALS!
OH LOOK! THE SMOKE'S DRIFTING AWAY - ALL THEIR TANKS HAVE STOPPED DEAD!!
AND HOW WE MOPPED UP THOSE TANKS!!
NEXT DAY THE MYSTERIANS SURRENDERED.
OKAY - BUT NO MONKEY BUSINESS!
- AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS OUR KING AND QUEEN.
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY TAXES TO SUPPORT EDUCATION!
SO AT LAST WE WERE ABLE TO ENJOY BEING KING AND QUEEN.
YEAH - AND TO EAT TURKEY EVERY DAY!
IT'S WONDERFUL NOT TO BE ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT SOME TERRIBLE DANGER, ISN'T IT BUDDY?
BUT OUR SECURITY WAS DESTINED TO BE RUDELY JARRED - STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS THINGS OCCURED.
TWO OF OUR ROYAL NORTHERN PATROL SAW WEIRD LIGHTS -
LOOK! - IRREDESCENT FORCE BEAMS, OR I'M AN URROK! - THEY MAY BE HOSTILE - WHAT WILL WE DO?
INVESTIGATE THEM, OF COURSE! - THE ROYAL NORTHERN NEVER TURNS BACK! - COME ON!
AND THEY NEVER DID COME BACK!
A GIRL OF THE BIRD-RIDERS CAME TO US IN A PANIC.
WELL, WELL! — WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO THIS!
I JUST BARELY ESCAPED! IT WAS A BIG METAL THING - W-WITH LONG ARMS AND CLAWS - AND - IT GRABBED AT ME I-I- OH IT WAS HORRIBLE!!
I'LL ORDER A ROCKET SHIP!
THE SWIFTEST SHIPS
FAR IN THE NORTH WE CAME UPON AN AMAZING PANORAMA!
NOTHING BUT MACHINES! - AND NOT A HUMAN BEING IN SIGHT!!
OH - IT - IT'S WEIRD! - I'M SCARED! - WHERE COULD THEY HAVE COME FROM ?
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